

ANN A. DEVORE.

JANUARY 19, 1904.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. LOUDENSLAGER, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 1760.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1760) granting a pension to Ann A. Devore, have considered the same and respectfully report as follows:

Ann A. Devore is the widow of Elbert Devore, late of Capt. T. J. Hibbler's company, First Regiment, South Carolina Volunteers, Seminole Indian war.

Elbert Devore, according to the muster rolls of Capt. T. J. Hibbler's company, South Carolina Volunteers, was enrolled as sergeant at Charleston, S. C., February 7, 1836, for three months, for service in the Seminole Indian war. He remained sergeant until February 18, 1836, when he was made wagon master, in which capacity he served until May 8, 1836. He was paid for nineteen days' service as sergeant, including eight days' travel pay, and one hundred and five days as wagon master, including twenty-three days' travel pay, from St. Augustine, Fla., to his home in Edgefield, S. C. The total period of his service was from February 7, 1836, to May 8, 1836, and the papers show that he was allowed bounty land for this service, under the act of March 3, 1855. He died August 1, 1886.

Ann A. Devore, the widow of the soldier, filed a claim at the Bureau under the Indian war service act of July 27, 1892, and the same was rejected on the ground that her husband did not serve as a soldier for thirty days, his service as wagon master not being counted. Mrs. Devore was married to the soldier March 9, 1878. She is 86 years of age and greatly in need.

As the soldier's service was all rendered at the seat of war in Florida, in connection with the company in which he had enlisted, your committee believe that the title of the widow to pension is good, the length of service as a soldier and wagon master being greatly in excess of that required by the Indian war service laws.

In view of the foregoing facts your committee recommend the passage of the bill with an amendment fixing the rate of pension at \$8 per month, said rate being that allowed under the general law to the widows of Indian war soldiers who served thirty days or more.